



Elementary Kindergarten – 8th Grade

NAC 391.095

To receive a license to teach elementary education (kindergarten through 8th grade) a person must:

1. Complete the following required testing (or equivalent testing administered in another state):
 - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators
 - Praxis Content Area TestPlease [visit the Praxis testing website](#) for further testing information.
2. Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, AND
3. Have completed, pursuant to the provisions of [NAC 391.095](#), a program of preparation for teaching in the elementary grades which is approved by the Board. The program must include:
 - A. Thirty-two (32) semester hours of credit in courses in elementary professional education consisting of the following areas:
 - i. Eight (8) semester hours of credit in supervised student teaching in kindergarten through eighth grade; AND
 - ii. Nine (9) semester hours of credit in methods of teaching elementary subjects which must include methods of teaching elementary mathematics, methods of teaching elementary science, and methods of teaching elementary social studies; AND
 - iii. Nine (9) semester hours of credit in the methods of teaching literacy or methods of teaching language arts; AND
 - iv. Six semester hours of credit in professional education course work which must include course work in at least two (2) of the following subjects:
 1. Classroom management
 2. English as a second language
 3. Technology
 4. Evaluation of pupils
 5. Child development
 6. Special education
 7. Social and cultural issues; AND
 - B. Eighteen (18) semester hours of credit as follows:
 - i. Six (6) semester hours in mathematics
 - ii. Six (6) semester hours in science
 - iii. Six (6) semester hours in social studies
4. Have completed, pursuant to the provisions of [NAC 391.045](#):
 - A. Three (3) semester hours of credit in education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities; AND
 - B. Three (3) semester hours of credit in a course of study regarding parental involvement and family engagement.

To add an endorsement to an elementary license, pursuant to [NAC 391.098](#) a person must:

1. Complete twelve (12) semester hours of credit within the area of the endorsement, except that:
 - A. An endorsement for English requires the completion of three (3) semester hours of courses in advanced composition, descriptive grammar and speech.
 - B. An endorsement to teach pupils in a program of bilingual education requires the applicant to pass the examination required by [NAC 391.242](#), if an examination is available.
2. The following areas of endorsement may be added to an elementary license:
 - A. Computers and technology relating to the use of computers
 - B. English
 - C. Health
 - D. Mathematics
 - E. Literacy
 - F. Science
 - G. Social Studies
 - H. Physical education
 - I. Bilingual education

An endorsement on an elementary license is not required to teach pupils in kindergarten through eighth grade.